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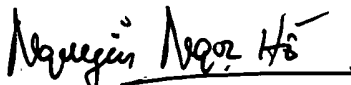
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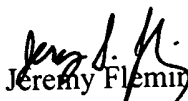
In re Application of  
WERNER BRUCHERT ET AL.  
Appl. No.: 09/936,719  
PCT No.: PCT/EP00/02137  
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Applicant's File Reference: 01-556  
For: METHOD FOR INCREASING THE  
TENSILE, BREAKING AND FLEXURAL  
STRENGTH OF COLOURED LEADS AND  
COLOURED PENCILS CONTAINING THE  
SAME

Dear Mr. LaPointe:

This is in response to your communication received 09 September 2002 requesting the status of U.S. application 09/936,719. U.S. application 09/936,719 is before the United States Designated/Elected Office for National Stage processing. Applicant will receive further correspondence shortly. Further inquiry may be directed to Catherine SHORT at (703) 305-3620.

  
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